

Appendix N4

# ***Public Meeting #4 Summary Report***

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## Appendix D – Photos



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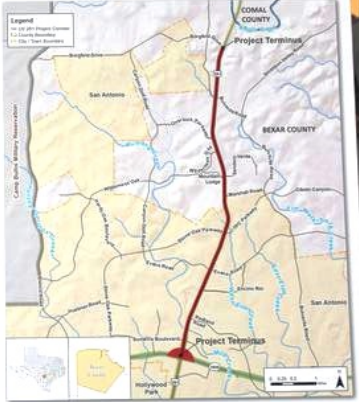


# Welcome!


## US 281 EIS Open House

Thursday, May 8, 2014  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Please sign in
- Explore the exhibits
- Submit a comment form
- Ask questions



The map shows the project area, including San Antonio, Bexar County, and Comal County. It highlights the project corridor and various landmarks like the San Antonio River and the Alamogordo River. A legend in the top left corner explains the map's symbols. A scale bar and north arrow are located in the bottom right corner.

**THE 281 NORTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  **ALAMORMA**  
ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION



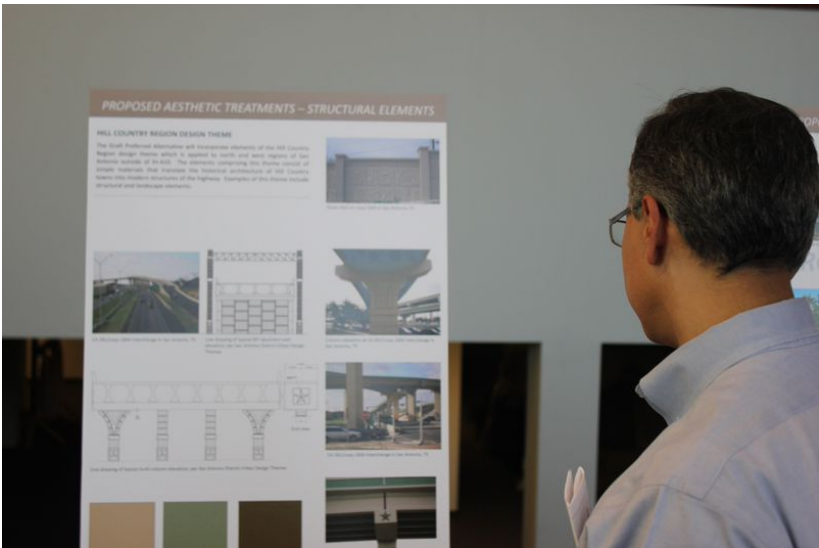
















## Appendix E – Master Comment Listing

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## Appendix E Open House – Master Comment Listing

The master comment listing below includes all comments received, in alphabetical order by commenter, as well as the corresponding reference number. Each comment is presented verbatim as it was received in **Section 4.0**. Scanned images of each written comment are included in **Appendix F** and the court reporter transcript of verbal comments is included in **Appendix G**. All comment responses will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Reference #	Last Name	First Name	Method Comment was Received
212	A	Dave	Website
257	Adams	Beverly	Website
169	Agin	Clarence	Website
217	Aguilar	Jaime	Website
55	Ahmad	Janet	Comment Card
71	Ahmad	Janet	Court Reporter
21	Aldorf	Gerald	Comment Card
68	Aldorf	Gerald	Court Reporter
264	Allen	Charles	Website
294	Allen	Jennifer	Website
306	Almaraz	Joe	Website
287	Amerson	Alvin	Website
295	Amos	Marti	Website
22	Anonymous	Anonymous	Comment Card
61	Anonymous	Anonymous	Comment Card
64	Anonymous	Anonymous	
84	Anonymous	Anonymous	Court Reporter
109	Anonymous	Anonymous	Email
113	Anonymous	Anonymous	Email
116	Anonymous	Anonymous	Email
117	Anonymous	Anonymous	Email
121	Anonymous	Anonymous	Email
234	Arbaugh	Jeffrey	Website
82	Arriaga	Roger	Court Reporter
27	Austin	Robert	Comment Card
140	Ballard	Andrew	Website
83	Barrera	Carol	Court Reporter
270	Basse	Peni	Website
214	Becker	Randal	Website

<b>160</b>	<b>Bend</b>	<b>Hilo</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Benson</b>	<b>Dean</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>255</b>	<b>Boggess</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Bomba</b>	<b>Nicholas</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>123</b>	<b>Borel</b>	<b>Mel</b>	<b>Email, Website</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Bowdre</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>240</b>	<b>Bower</b>	<b>Katherine</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Briscoe</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>78</b>	<b>Briscoe</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Court Reporter</b>
<b>102</b>	<b>Bruggeman</b>	<b>Adam</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>Bryan</b>	<b>Sheila</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>Bryant</b>	<b>Byron D.</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>70</b>	<b>Buechele</b>	<b>Charles</b>	<b>Court Reporter</b>
<b>97</b>	<b>Bundrick</b>	<b>W. Drew</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>213</b>	<b>Burns</b>	<b>Terry</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Busald</b>	<b>Cheryl C.</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>173</b>	<b>Bush</b>	<b>Charles</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>293</b>	<b>Byas</b>	<b>Forrest</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>101</b>	<b>Cain</b>	<b>Christopher</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>225</b>	<b>Calvert</b>	<b>Barry</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>176</b>	<b>Calvert</b>	<b>Dave</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>299</b>	<b>Calvert</b>	<b>Dave</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>248</b>	<b>Calvert</b>	<b>Debbie</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Ceballos</b>	<b>Lizardo</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Chaffin</b>	<b>Alan</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Chambers</b>	<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
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<b>136</b>	<b>Chin</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Clark</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Closner</b>	<b>Frank</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
<b>283</b>	<b>Cobb</b>	<b>Kimberley</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>135</b>	<b>Cox</b>	<b>Clarence</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>110</b>	<b>Cox</b>	<b>Robert and June</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>85</b>	<b>Crist</b>	<b>Wayne</b>	<b>Court Reporter</b>
<b>241</b>	<b>Crist</b>	<b>Wayne</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>277</b>	<b>Cross</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>96</b>	<b>Crowley</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>130</b>	<b>CVCVC</b>	<b>CVCVC</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>145</b>	<b>Davidson</b>	<b>Lyle</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>207</b>	<b>DeYoung</b>	<b>Todd</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Dixon</b>	<b>Don</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>

80	Dixon	Don	Court Reporter
2	Dossey	Pat	Comment Card
232	Dossey	Patrick	Website
304	Doucette	Richard	Website
221	Dowling	Barron	Website
208	Drewa	David	Website
149	Dullnig-Warlen	Lori	Website
269	Dygert	Linda	Website
260	Dylla	Laura	Website
192	Easley	Jennifer	Website
194	Eldridge	Jeff	Website
5	Ellis	Adam	Comment Card
23	Evans	Robert	Comment Card
124	Falcon-Borel	Linda	Email, Website
150	Farnsworth	Jeff	Website
63	Feinsilber	Bennett	Comment Card
72	Feinsilber	Bennett	Court Reporter
249	Ferguson	Diana	Website
36	Finger	Jack M.	Comment Card
120	Finke	Sue	Email
143	Fisher	Travis	Website
223	Forgione	Diana	Website
30	Garcia	David	Comment Card
34	Garcia	Jorge	Comment Card
32	Garcia	Julian	Comment Card
209	Garcia	Marco	Website
210	Garcia	Marco	Website
45	Garcia	Marilyn	Comment Card
88	Garcia	Marilyn	Court Reporter
153	Garner	Kathy	Website
119	Garza	Carlos	Email
268	Garza	Daniel	Website
297	Gaskell	G.C.	Website
171	Gaston	Gilmer	Website
253	Gaston	Gilmer	Website
191	Gilreath	Jim	Website
190	Gilreath	Sharon	Website
104	Glasby	George	Email
105	Glasby	George	Email
218	Glasby	George	Website
262	Glasby	George	Website

154	Gonzales	Jacob	Website
165	Grace, Jr.	James	Website
245	Gray	Wm	Website
99	Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance		Email, Letter
195	Griffin	Danette	Website
57	Grisham	William	Comment Card
76	Grisham	William	Court Reporter
11	Guilbault	Scott	Comment Card
233	Guinn	Nancy	Website
300	Gursky	Christine	Website
302	Gursky	Kenneth	Website
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296	Gutierrez	Denise	Website
29	Gutierrez, Jr.	Martin	Comment Card
172	Guzman	Abel	Website
309	Guzman	Walter	Website
98	Hale	Liz	Email
108	Hall	Terri	Email, Website
53	Haringa	Robert R.	Comment Card
131	Harlan	Leslie	Website
246	Harris	Dave	Website
215	Haydon	Roger	Website
133	Heagerty	George	Website
155	Heagerty	George	Website
305	Heddins	Victor	Website
274	Heide	Jean	Website
93	Henderson	Garrett	Email
205	Herr	Richard	Website
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252	Hiatt	Nancy	Website
266	Hibbeler	Scott	Website
224	Hicks	Howard	Website
279	Hightower	Lyndon	Website
258	Hogue	Andy	Website
286	Hollan	Joseph	Website
276	Honeyager	Kevin	Website
201	Hopkins-Day	Laura	Website
291	Houst	Peter	Website
10	Hrncir	John	Comment Card
158	Huddleston	Frank	Website
308	Hudnall	Marlene	Website

288	Hughes	Opal	Website
199	Hull	James	Website
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290	Jacobi	Tim	Website
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243	Jaster	Frank	Website
247	Jenkins	Richard	Website
92	Johns	Andrew C.	Email
211	Johnson	Mark	Website
48	Johnston	Donald S.	Comment Card
220	Jones	Ken	Website
6	Julie	Crozier	Comment Card
177	Kassof	Edward	Website
261	Kassof	Edward	Website
122	Kenagy	Andy	Email
226	Kennedy	Tom	Website
238	King	Chuck	Website
244	King	Jan	Website
148	King	Kevin	Website
141	Kirchoff	Don	Website
188	Knebel	Charles	Website
9	Kopanski	Anthony	Comment Card
272	Kreth	Darren	Website
38	Krishnan	Thirulokesh	Comment Card
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139	LeCroy	Eva	Website
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271	Lister	Robert	Website
307	Litt	Marilyn	Website
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37	Majors	Lee	Comment Card
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47	Marron	Patrick	Comment Card
86	Marroquin	Victor	Court Reporter
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184	Martin	Elizabeth	Website

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<b>281</b>	<b>McClinchie</b>	<b>Mary Jane</b>	<b>Website</b>
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<b>74</b>	<b>Mohamed</b>	<b>Amin</b>	<b>Court Reporter</b>
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<b>219</b>	<b>Murphy</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>198</b>	<b>Muzny</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>O'Krongley</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>Comment Card</b>
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<b>125</b>	<b>Osborne</b>	<b>Joe</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>231</b>	<b>Parris</b>	<b>Ray</b>	<b>Website</b>
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<b>137</b>	<b>Peterson</b>	<b>Joyce</b>	<b>Website</b>
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129	Prescott	Patti	Website
203	Purdy	David	Website
106	Rana	Chaula	Email
107	Rana	Chaula	Email
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285	Rana	Jayant	Website
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196	Reich	Holly	Website
138	Robbins	Patricia	Website
144	Robinson	Jearold	Website
20	Ross	Patricia	Comment Card
60	Ross	Wallace P.	Comment Card
126	Ruiz	Joe	Email
115	Salinas	Stephen	Email
159	Salinas	Stephen	Website
230	Samulin	Michael	Website
91	San Antonio Chamber of Commerce		Email
62	San Antonio Mobility Coalition		Comment Box
161	Sanchez	Ramiro	Website
152	Sanford	Linda	Website
229	Schnedler	Lori	Website
41	Scott	Gary	Comment Card
189	Scott	Robert	Website
142	Seal	Ron	Website
49	Shaw	Carol	Comment Card
94	Shaw	Carol	Email
251	Sheldon	Rick	Website
147	Shilts	Greg	Website
179	Shine	Chuck	Website
134	Shisk	Dona	Website
167	Shorr	David	Website
174	Sigmon	James	Website
206	Singleton-Williams	Stacy	Website
278	Slade	Frank	Website
236	Smiley	Clifton	Website
157	Smith	Dean	Website
59	Smith	Rhett	Comment Card
263	Sorbera	Michael	Website
187	Soules	Carol	Website
132	Southwell	Eugenia	Website
259	Stallings	Robin	Website

103	Stoddard	Tim	Email
180	Synder	Alan	Website
58	Tedor	John	Comment Card
73	Tedor	John	Court Reporter
256	Terrill	Bob	Website
175	Thomas	James	Website
228	Thomas	Kathy	Website
273	Thompson	James	Website
67	Townsley	Cheryl	Court Reporter
69	Townsley	Cheryl	Court Reporter
185	Townsley	Cheryl	Website
250	Trebesch	Ed	Website
14	Trevino	Juan	Comment Card
239	Turner, Jr.	Milton	Website
90	VIA Metropolitan Transit		Email
66	Wagner	Warren	Court Reporter
56	Walker	Isabel	Comment Card
26	Warlen	Geoffrey	Comment Card
52	Warner	Jeff	Comment Card
40	Westphal	George	Comment Card
163	Westphal	Nancy	Website
89	White	Henry	Court Reporter
17	White	Henry N.	Comment Card
170	White	Kyle	Website
284	Wilken	Dale	Website
202	Wilken	Judy	Website
301	Wills	Bruce	Website
54	Wilson	Bettie G.	Comment Card
51	Wilson	Duane E.	Comment Card
178	Wood	Craig	Website
282	Wright	Charles	Website
118	Young	Aaron	Email
265	Young	Doug	Website
112	Zaiontz	Edith and Kevin	Email

## Appendix F – Written Public Comments

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# THE 281 NORTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## Comment 1



ALAMO RMA  
Regional Mobility Authority

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Dean Benson - BEPT

ADDRESS: 1042 Flagstone

Toll Proving Has Been BAD For Business  
in THE Shopping Center - will be worse in  
Future - Much interruption - 3-4 yr Business will be

This form may be used to provide written comments on this project. Any questions placed on this form will not be considered an open records request and will not be treated as such. If you have an open records request, it must be submitted under a separate letter.

Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5): Check each of the following boxes that apply to you:

- ☐ I am employed by TxDOT.
- ☐ I do business with TxDOT.
- ☐ I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting.

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# THE 281 NORTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**Comment 2**



ALAMO RMA  
ALAMO REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): PAT DOSSEY

ADDRESS: 202 BASS WOOD, SAN ANTONIO TX 78213

TOLL ROADS DISCRIMINATE AGAINST

THE POOR. REGRESSIVE TAX!

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DON P. DIXON

NAME (PLEASE PRINT):

206 MORNINGSTAR DR SAT 78209

ADDRESS:

ALL OF THE FREEWAY SHOULD BE NON-TOLLED  
ESPECIALLY THE 1604 TO STONE OAK. USE \$168 MILL  
FOR THE 3 MILE THIS PROJECT HAS 3 MAIN LANES BOTH DIRECTIONS

AT BEDLAND RD TO EVANS RD. ONE OF THE  
MAIN LANES BOTH DIRECTIONS ~~SHOULD~~ AS BEING CONVERTED  
TO A TOLL ROAD AND IS ILL-LEGAL. ALL THREE EXISTING  
MAIN LANES SHOULD REMAIN NON TOLL.

WITH THE ONLY TWO FREE ~~LANE~~ MAIN LANES GOING NORTH  
AT BEDLAND, THERE WILL BE A BOTTLENECK  
FROM THE 3 LANES DUMPING INTO THE TWO  
FREE MAIN LANES. ELIMINATE THE UTA  
FLY OVER RAMP - TWO EXPENSIVE WASTE OF

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**Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5): Check each of the following boxes that apply to you:**

- ☐ I am employed by TxDOT. A BOTTLENECK WILL OCCUR NORTH OF
- ☐ I do business with TxDOT. STONE OAK WHEN 2 PROBLEM LANES DUMP INTO
- ☐ I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting.

3 TOLLED MAIN LANES

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Greg and Shery L Moss

ADDRESS: 1715 Mountain Cove, SA, TX 78258

- Place pavement markings on the lines to limit confusion.
- I would like you to have pre-construction meetings available to the public.
- Place plans on website.
- Keep us inform of what roads are going to be closed due to construction.
- I would like for you to incorporate a feature that ~~also~~ notifies you of accidents on lower or upper level ramps -

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## Comment 5

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Adam Ellis

ADDRESS: 1022 Iron Horse, 78260

Please build LSP.

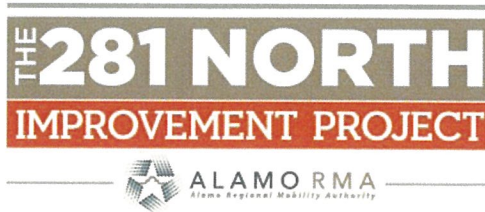
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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Julie Crozier

ADDRESS: 2534 Portola Vw 78261

wide lane to share with bikes inadequate! we  
can do better!

Why no free highway lanes north of Stone Oak?  
Unfair burden on people who live farther north.

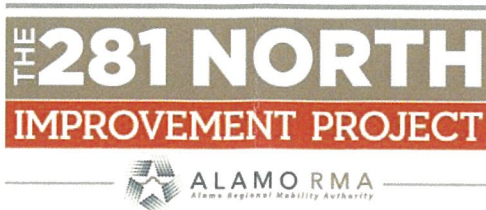
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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): CYNTHIA MARSHALL

ADDRESS: 28 SABLE FRST 78259

MY CONCERN IS THE OFF RAMP ON NORTH 281 TO  
ENCINO RD. IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE TO HAVE  
THE OFF RAMP AT EVANS RD WHERE MORE TRAFFIC  
WILL EXIT DUE TO THE SHOPPING & CENTERS ON  
BOTH SIDES. AS PROPOSED, ALL TRAFFIC WANTING  
TO TURN ON EVANS WILL BE ON THE ACCESS ROAD →

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AND HAVE TO STOP AT THE TRAFFIC  
LIGHT AT ENCINO RD.





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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Walter McAllister

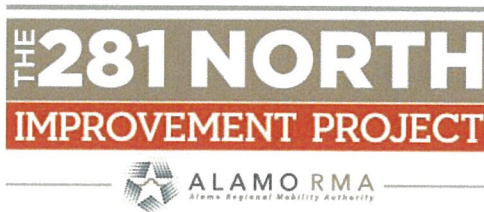
ADDRESS: 135 Music Springs, Spring Branch, TX 78070

① Make an Airport shuttle ride in addition  
to the VIA Park and ride. That way people can  
drop off or pick up people going or coming to the  
airport. Would prevent crowds picking up people at  
airport. (For residents living in the area)  
anyway)

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Anthony Kopanski

ADDRESS: 3631 Globe Willow, San Antonio, TX 78261

- 1) The preferred option presented is not a good option. Has this option been voted on? Who voted?
- 2) Toll roads in this retail corridor ~~is~~ is a mistake.
- 3) This preferred option will add air pollution to the area because of vehicles sitting in traffic.
- 4) A free road option needs to be implemented.

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): JOHN HANCIN

ADDRESS: 25755 BULVERDE ROAD

This is a perfect example of governmental  
inaction. This problem (traffic congestion) could  
have been, and should have been solved years  
ago with extended lanes and overpasses.  
Toll roads are unnecessary.

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Scott Guilbault

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I am originally from Chicago,  
Seems like overkill & a good way  
to bring down property values &  
stifle growth. Who collects the  
tolls & in 10 yrs will property taxes  
go down? This should be done on the

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Tim Clark

ADDRESS: 22607 Vijaya S.A., TX 78261

Good job - Nice compromise as I'm sure no one is  
entirely happy. I hope when construction  
commences there will be barriers within the  
vegetate swales to prevent construction from crossing the  
median into on coming traffic. High strength cables  
were used very effectively in Kansas City to reduce accidents &

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT):

Jackson Chambers

ADDRESS:

23620 OAKLAND SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

I live in the Oaks and am very concerned about

the proposed 281 road project. The Oaks' only ingress  
and egress is on 281. A new community just south of the Oaks  
has just started to be completed in 2 phases of 250 homes for  
each phase. Only ingress and egress will be Tips Jewels on to 281.  
When combined with 6 to 3 thousand homes in Mountain Lodge,  
this creates an  
the congestion will be unbearable considering where the  
entrance & exits are to the freeway and managed lanes.  
This proposal will destroy property values and may totally  
destroy and make obsolete the property. The north and south  
entrance to the Oaks will be equally difficult and challenging.

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Joan Turino

ADDRESS: 25526 Wentink Ave San Antonio Tx 78261

These tollroads do not solve congestion problems  
and will create secondary problems on access roads  
& alternate paths.

PUT IT TO A VOTE

DONT WANT TOLLS!

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Alan Chaffin

ADDRESS: 23838 Misty Peak, SA, TX 78258

Tell Roads are a terrible use of my tax dollars. They are  
used as another stream of revenue (tax) that take money  
from my area and spends it without my consent.

Where <sup>has the</sup> ~~is the~~ money gone that was allocated to road improve  
ments on 281? It was allocated but then disappeared!!  
without explanation. Why do you continue to look for ~~ways~~ <sup>ways to steal</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>my hard</sup> earned  
dollars

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Hon. Malcolm U. McClintch

ADDRESS: 21535 State Hwy 46 W 78070

I feel that this project will be very  
unaffordable to low income people and  
those people who are retired or have  
a disability. It is very expensive  
to drive into San Antonio and toll  
roads will make the problem worse.

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Hon. M. U. McClintch



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NAME (PLEASE PRINT):

Henry N. White

ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 249 Bulverde, Tx 78163  
(210) 725-5290

These plans are a total waste of money. It  
doesn't address the traffic congestion problems  
the entrances and exits between the toll lanes (not good)  
and the free lanes and frontage roads won't work either.  
The original overpasses and Freeway would have been built  
for 1/3 to 1/2 the cost and would have been finished 5-7  
years ago.

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Note: I am a retired City Planner,  
so I know traffic planning and engineering.  
Build the Freeway.

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Nicholas Bomba

ADDRESS: 24206 Bear Crest SA 78258

NO TOLL ROADS

Build 3 overpasses 1) Evans Rd, 2) Encino Rd

3) State Get Hwy / TPC

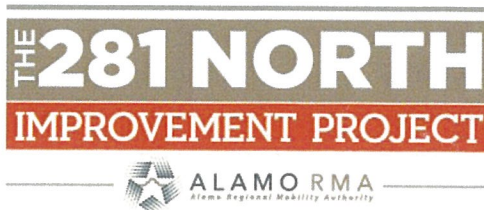
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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): James Passmore

ADDRESS: 2415 Encino Cliff, SA, TX 78259

This project does very little, to nothing,  
to speed up traffic from the Comal County  
line to downtown San Antonio. Once inside 1604  
the traffic will only stack up faster than it  
does now. Getting to 1604 faster to sit  
longer on 281S is no improvement.

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): PATRICIA ROSS

ADDRESS: 5685 RAWLDE TRAIL 78163

Why is there no exit to EVANS  
ROAD? Why are there no "free"  
highway lanes with 85mph speed limits?  
Why are you forcing all Stone Oak traffic  
to surface streets? Why is there no  
non toll option for 281? Where are my taxes  
going??

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Why don't Bexar County residents get  
Stuck with tolls?

~~Why~~ What if you build a toll road  
and nobody comes?  
(130 anyone?)



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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): GERALD ALDORF

ADDRESS: 2018 ENCINO WHITE ST 78259

BUILD OVERPASSES FOR 2 CARS IN EITHER  
DIRECTION. HAVE LIGHTS FOR 2 <sup>CARS</sup> LEFT TURN AND  
TRAFFIC GOING UNDER THE OVERPASSES.  
WOULD BE FASTER TO BUILD AND AVOID  
TOLL ROADS - SPEED UP TRAFFIC FLOW

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Tolls are reasonable in my opinion. <sup>if</sup> I wish that  
they could pay for the tolls w/ state funds and  
dismantle the toll booths after the road is  
paid for.*

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Robert EVANS

ADDRESS: 23531 Beaver crk. 70250

Great work! This will give me back 250hrs a year!

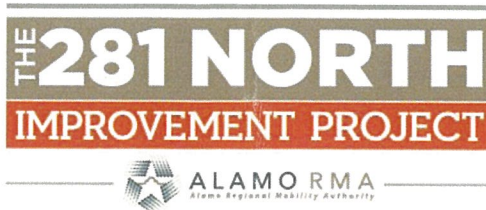
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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): CHERYL C. BUSALD

ADDRESS: 2403 WINDING VIEW, 78260

1. Citizens need a choice of toll or non-toll  
lanes thru out the entire length of the  
project -- Since you insist on  
ignoring the rational and economic solution  
of just adding overpasses. You are spending  
too much money without thought of citizens

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Michelle L. Majors

ADDRESS: 1518 Mountain Cove, SA, TX 78258

Please pass this toll road project. There  
have been a need for this for 10 yrs.

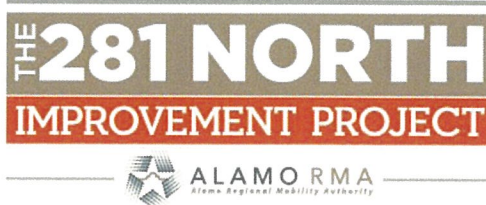
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## Comment 26

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Gicoffrey Warlen

ADDRESS: 21523 Granite Spring S.A TX 78258

Looks Great, build it!  
there are enough free lanes  
to keep people happy and still  
move freely around the area.

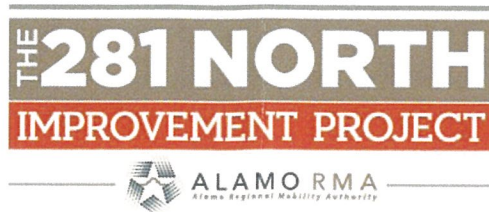
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## Comment 27

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): ROBERT AUSTIN

ADDRESS: 14831 FORWARD PASS ; SAN ANTONIO, TX 78248

I VERY FAVORABLY  
I WANT TO SUPPORT THE \$825 MIL. PACKAGE OF PROJECTS  
(US 281, LOOP 1604, & IH 10) THAT THE ALAMO AREA MPO, ALAMORMA,  
CO SA, TXDOT, & VIA HAS JOINED TOGETHER TO FUND. IT  
WILL HELP TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION & DO IT IN AN  
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WAY! BUILD IT ASAP!

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): DAVID BOWDRE

ADDRESS: 28275 WILLIS RANCH SA 78260

Looks FINE TO ME

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): MARTIN GUTIERREZ JR

ADDRESS: 26587 Highway 281

I Oppose the Expansion of the  
Highway I own the property AT  
26587 Highway 281 I just invested my  
life savings in this new business and have  
created many new jobs and the Expansion will  
take my property and close us down.

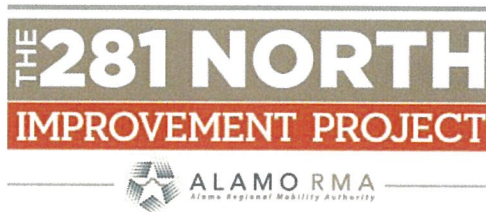
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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT):

DANIEL GARCIA

ADDRESS:

20626 Wild Springs San Antonio, TX 78258

I'm A RESIDENT OF BIG SPRINGS AND MY HOUSE  
BACKS UP TO 281 SOUTH BOUND. I'M CONCERNED WITH  
THE ELEVATION OF THE ROAD GOING SOUTH BOUND 281  
PASS EVANS. AND THE NOISE THAT WILL AFFECT MY  
CURRENT LIVING. CAN SOMEONE PLEASE UPDATE ME ON  
THE SPECIFIC AREA OF MY RESIDENT. Thank you.

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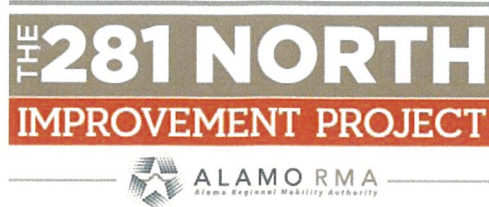
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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): KEN PHELPS

ADDRESS: 18222 CRYSTAL COVE, SA, TX 78259

FROM STONE OAK NORTH, THE ONLY FREE  
ROADS ARE ACCESS ROADS. GOING SOUTH, NO  
EXIT FROM TOLL LANES TO 1604.

NO ONE WILL TELL ME HOW MUCH THE  
CURRENT CONGESTION ON 281 WILL BE REDUCED  
WITH THE TOLL LANES.

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ALAMO RMA  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

**Comment 32**

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Julian Garcia

ADDRESS: 11800 Braesview APT 5115 San Antonio TX 78213

I think the tolls are a good idea. I would like  
to see the managed lane open to HOV 2+ because  
it would take drivers off the frontage road

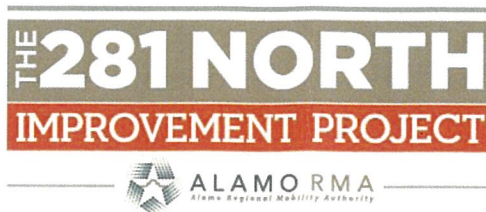
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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Lizardo Ceballos

ADDRESS: 1210 Whitby Tower San Antonio TX, 78258

Living at the intersection of stone oak & evans and having  
used 281 for the past 7 years the traffic has been  
worse every year despite the super street. This proposed option  
is the answer to our daily problem. I hope this project moves  
forward as quickly as possible and everybody sees how it  
will benefit us all that live in this area. Appreciate the work of the Alamo RMA and TxDOT.

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ALAMO RMA  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

## Comment 34

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): JORGE GARCIA

ADDRESS: 22123 IMPALA PEAK SATX 78259

The speed on 281 currently is 60-65 (with stoplights).  
However, the new design shows the speed on the access  
roads is slowed to 45 (with the same stoplights). Why the  
slowdown?

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Ellen Koontz Moore

ADDRESS: 1007 Whitney's Ct San Antonio TX 78260

I am strongly opposed to the toll road plan. I  
use 281 N to Evans Rd and Stone Oak. Under the  
proposed concept it would not make sense to use  
the toll road. I don't understand the purpose  
of an 8 mile toll road! I don't see how congestion  
will be improved by this plan.

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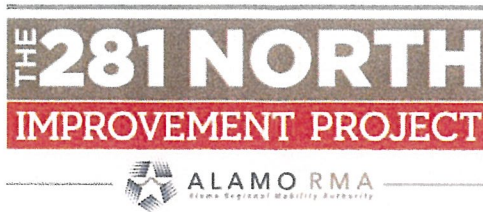
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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): JACK M. FINGER

S.A., TX.

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 12048, 78212

I DO NOT WANT THESE TOLL LANES SINCE  
WE WILL BE TOLLED LONG AFTER THE LANES ARE  
PAID FOR; THE TOLLS ARE PLACED UPON RIGHTS-OF-  
WAY THAT OUR GAS TAX DOLLARS HAVE ALREADY  
PAID FOR; AND ~~BE~~ BECAUSE WE DIDN'T GET A  
VOTE UPON IT. THE "FREE" OPTION WILL  
NOT RECEIVE THE IMPROVEMENTS IT WILL NEED;  
CONSEQUENTLY, IT WILL BE STOP-AND-GO DRIVING,  
MUCH WORSE THAN IT IS NOW. THIS PLUS THE  
POINTS MADE BY TEXANS UNITING FOR REFORM AND  
FREEDOM MAKE ME SAY "ARE YOU CRAZY?!"

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Lee Majors

ADDRESS: 1518 Mountain Cove

Please move forward ASAP.  
long Overdue.

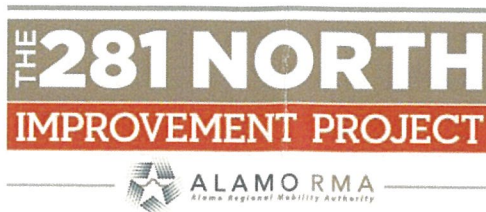
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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): THIRUVLOKESH KRISHNAN

ADDRESS: 21143 SIERRA CREST, SAN ANTONIO TX 78259

MUCH REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS, DO NOT MIND

TOLLS. PLEASE MAKE SURE CROSSING STREETS ARE NOT

PENALIZED. I SUPPORT MANAGED LANE CONCEPT.

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): RICHARD BRISCOE

ADDRESS: 14803 FORWARD PASS 78248

ENGINEERS WERE MISREPRESENTING THE FACTS  
OF A PROPOSAL. THE PROPOSALS ARE INCOMPLETE  
AND INADEQUATE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC  
AND SHOULD BE REDONE. THE NON-TOLL OPTION  
IS THE MOST EFFICIENT FORM OF FINANCE. THE  
RMA & MPO HAVE AN INHERENT CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
BECAUSE THE SOURCE OF REVENUE IS TOLL PROJECTS.

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ALAMO RMA  
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**Comment 40**

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT):

George Westphal

ADDRESS:

23610 Misty Peak - 78258

This is being shoved down our throats.

We have no voice because we can't vote on it

& RMA & SA City is well aware of that.

Shame on you. Set up a special ballot for

residents in the area.

Do the RIGHT THING - Make a RIGHT Choice for a change

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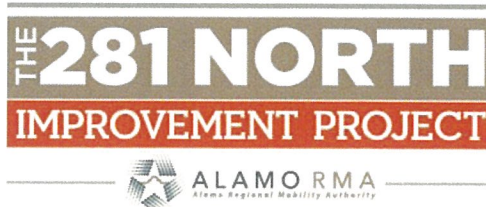
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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT):

GARY SEON

ADDRESS:

12911 BLANCHE COWER 78216

"MANAGED LANES" IS DECEPTIVE!  
CALL THE "TOLL" LANES WHICH IS WHAT THEY ARE.

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Sheila Bryan

ADDRESS: 2435 Oakland Bend 78258

We need this toll road. I just  
hope the price to drive on it  
reasonable.

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): FRANK CLOSNER

ADDRESS: 19722 ENGNO KNOLL

I Am In FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT  
BEING BUILT.

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT):

*Virginia O'Keefe*

ADDRESS:

*4026 Fossil Creek*

*It is something that amazes me. The city roads are worse, after things like this are done, & the price of toll roads in every city that has them do nothing but keep going up in price. This city cannot afford it.*

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## Comment 45

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): MARILYN GARCIA

ADDRESS: 22123 Impala Peak San Antonio, TX 78259

I've been to every Public Meeting on tolling 281 and despite an obvious majority who DO NOT want toll roads, it appears the RMA is ignoring our desires and are barreling ahead with what THEY want. I sincerely question how many of the voting board for this project actually live in this community and will be using a toll road to get to and from work everyday. It seems the money people win again - not the majority.

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# THE 281 NORTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



ALAMO RMA  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

**Comment 46**

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): BYRON D. BRYANT

ADDRESS: 1021 PERSIMMON HL, BULVERDE, TX 78163

I AM OPPOSED TO TOLL ROADS FOR THIS PROJECT. I  
PAY SUFFICIENT TAXES FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO  
PROVIDE PROPER HIGHWAYS.

FOR THIS PROPOSED PROJECT, WHY MUST I PAY WHAT  
IS ESSENTIALLY A MANDATORY TOLL TO TRAVEL ON

A HIGHWAY JUST BECAUSE I LIVE NORTH OF STONE OAK?

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**Comment 47**

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): PATRICK MARRON

ADDRESS: POB 206 FISCHER TX 78623

I HAVE REVIEWED THE OPTIONS  
PRESENTED AT "THE SUMMIT."

I LIKE THESE OPTIONS AND  
SUGGEST WE MOVE FORWARD WITH  
THIS PROJECT IMMEDIATELY

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Donald S. Johnston

ADDRESS: 22318 Covella CT SA TX 78259

The preliminary plan shows a north bound exit ramp that serves  
Encino Rio and then Evans Rd. why is there not a seperate exit  
ramp for Evans Rd, located north of Encino Rio. Do the traffic counts  
justify the conceptual design?

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Carol Shaw

ADDRESS: 3335 Highline Trail, San Antonio, TX 78261

No tolling of US 281! Return the streetcar money and use it for what  
was originally intended in large portions to fix 281 and I H10 without  
tolls. Toll roads are incredibly discriminatory - profits left are to  
be used to build roads toll-free for other groups of people. We  
don't feel like being sacrificed, this is supposed to be a city and county  
that prides itself on non-discrimination. Shame on you all.

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Raymond Livergood

ADDRESS: 23731 Misty Peak Sp 78258

What about adding tolls on the  
construction off 1604 on NW side of town or  
WVReback Pkwy. Why only this section of  
town.

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): F. DUANE WILSON

ADDRESS: 2230 ESTATE GATE DRIVE, S.A. TX 78260

This Project Looks Awesome. Please  
Start ASAP in the present Circumstances  
Every Agency That is in the Approval  
Process Should Move Quickly to  
Ease this Current Gridlock

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): JEFF WARNER

ADDRESS: 5065 LAURIE MITCHELL, S.A. TX 78261

I FEEL THE ROADWAYS HAVE BEEN AND  
CONTINUE TO BE PAID FOR W/ TAX \$ WE PAY.  
I AGREE W/ DEVELOPING THE CURRENT SYSTEM,  
BUT NOT AS A TOLL ROAD.

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Robert R. Haringa

ADDRESS: 132 Coral Cove Spring Branch TX  
78070

From Stone Oak north to Borgfeld Dr  
the non toll traffic will have to  
utilize the two lane access road (blue)  
will have stop lights at underpasses.

I feel that this approach will not  
support traffic thru 2013. Much const. going on in Borgfeld  
if in South Central County

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Bettie G. Wilson

ADDRESS: 1230 ESTATE CIRCLE, SUITE 78260

Please provide all the environmental clearances  
and move this project forward as presented.

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**Comment 55**

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): JANET AHMAD

ADDRESS: 18 SILVER HORN DR. SA. TX. 78216

WHAT A TERRIBLE MESS!

I HOPE OUR COMMENT ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Janet Ahmad

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): 1 walker5@gvtc.com  
Isabel Walker

ADDRESS: hoping there will Not be toll booths, but if so:  
who gets the revenue from Tolls?

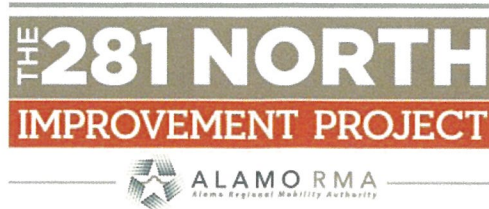
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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): William E. Grisham

ADDRESS: 3942 Heritage Hill San Antonio, Texas 78247

This entire project ~~needs~~ needs to restart at the 2000 time period and be done as originally conceived – a simple limited access highway with no tolls or toll lanes. Your efforts to create additional revenue streams at the expense of the citizenry is abhorrent and unethical! TxDOT, San Antonio RMA and this project are nothing but organized theft!!!

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): JOHN TEDOR

ADDRESS: 25242 CALLAWAY SA 78260

NO TOLL ROAD

(OR)

NO BUILD

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ALAMO RMA  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

**Comment 59**

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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Rhett Smith

ADDRESS: 306 Haverford, S.A. Tx 78217

"Let the people vote"

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## Comment 60

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Wallace P. Ross

ADDRESS: 5685 Rawhide Trail Bulverde TX 78163

No exit to EVANS. No free expressway lanes  
north of Stone Oak. From Comal Co  
to stone oak, reduces speed from 65  
to 45 on free lanes. RMA advertising  
is full of half truths and lies.  
People in comal co. will have to pay (over)

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But have no representation in  
any boards or decision making orgs.

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**Comment 61**

TX POT  
cost  
OF Touch  
broken the mess  
CANS

80 mph  
Eat  
Tea  
Sodas  
Texting  
Computers  
LAW 1  
CAND 2  
LAW 3

**Managed Lanes for 281 Toll Road**



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**Comment 62**

May 8, 2014

TxDOT-ENV  
Attention: Mike Chavez  
125 E. 11th Street  
Austin, TX 78701-2483

RE: Comments on US 281 Environmental Impact Statement – Draft Preferred Alternative

Dear Mr. Chavez:

The San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc. (SAMCo) continues to support construction of added capacity improvements along the US 281 corridor from Loop 1604 north to the County Line as part of system-wide plans to address rising congestion levels in the greater San Antonio region.

SAMCo represents more than eighty public and private sector entities, advocating for funding and implementation of transportation enhancements for the region.

We urge FHWA, TxDOT, and Alamo RMA officials to continue moving forward with the Draft Preferred Alternative for the following reasons:

- 1) Residential and commercial development along the US 281 corridor continues growing at a rapid and sustained pace. Recently updated population projections indicate that regional population will grow to 3.40 million by 2040, up 70 percent from the 2010 estimate of 1.99 million. Much of this growth is occurring in northern Bexar County.
- 2) According to an analysis conducted by the SA-Bexar MPO, the number of residents living in census tracts adjacent to the portion of US 281 that is being studied will reach 142,240 by 2035 an increase of 93 percent from 2005.
- 3) Employment growth along the corridor has also risen from 3,312 in 1980 to 25,635 in 2005, and is projected to increase to an estimated 43,635 in 2035.
- 4) Traffic volumes have increased significantly along US 281 in recent years and are expected to continue growing at a rapid pace. According to TxDOT and MPO data, the portion of US 281 0.3 miles north of Loop 1604 saw Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of 133,000 in 2010. ADT will rise to 205,000 by 2035. For the portion of US 281 0.5 miles north of Borgfeld, ADT was 30,000 in 2010 and is expected to grow to 140,000 in 2035.

**GOVERNMENTAL:** Bexar County • City of San Antonio • VIA Metropolitan Transit **PATRON:** Civil Engineering Consultants • HNTB Corporation • Jacobs • LNV Engineering, Inc. • Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. • SWBC • USAA • Williams Brothers Construction Company, Inc. **ADVOCATE:** Alamo Concrete Products • Arias & Associates • Atkins • Bain Medina Bain, Inc. • Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP • Broadway Bank • CDS Muery • Cemex • CH2M HILL • Cobb Fendley & Associates • Cox Smith, Inc. • CP&Y • Dannenbaum • Gonzalez De La Garza • Half Associates, Inc. • HDR Engineering, Inc. • HOLT CAT • IBC Bank • IDC Engineering • Locke Lord LLP • Lockwood Andrews & Newnam, Inc. • Martin Marietta Materials Southwest • McCombs Enterprises • Michael Baker Jr., Inc. • Parsons Brinckerhoff • Port Authority of San Antonio • Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. • RJ RIVERA Associates, Inc. • S&B Infrastructure • Security Service Federal Credit Union • Sundt Construction • URS Corporation • Vickrey & Associates • Vulcan Materials • Zachry Construction Corporation **ASSOCIATE:** AACOG • AGC of Texas • Alamo RMA • American Council of Engineering Companies San Antonio • Free Trade Alliance of San Antonio • Greater Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council • Medical Center Alliance • North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce • Real Estate Council of San Antonio • San Antonio Chamber of Commerce • San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce • South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce **GENERAL:** 24 additional entities



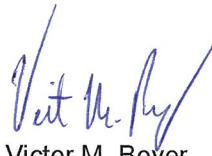
- 5) While the recent completion of Super Street improvements within the corridor have eased congestion slightly for the near term, failure to add additional capacity to US 281 will ultimately result in unacceptable levels of congestion and delay for motorists.
- 6) With regard to the configuration of the project, we support the addition of four new freeway lanes (no fees or stoplights) from Loop 1604 to Stone Oak/Marshall Road, as well as the addition of managed lanes (requires a fee, flexible) along the entire length of the project.
- 7) After more than a decade of study and several environmental processes, we support moving forward with the project in order to provide needed congestion relief to motorists.

On behalf of the San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc. (SAMCo), we thank you for the opportunity to provide comments as part of tonight's Open House.

Sincerely,



Don Durden  
2014-2015 Chair



Victor M. Boyer  
President & CEO

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ALAMO RMA  
ALAMO REGIONAL METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY

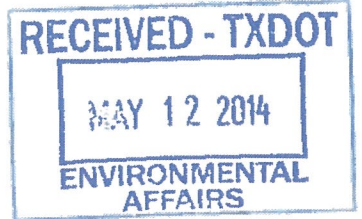
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TxDOT – ENV, Attention: Mike Chavez, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2483.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Samuel Sanchez  
2250 East 21st Ave

ADDRESS:

The on-needed Toll Road on #281 is a clear example of the bribery and corruption that exists in Austin. In year 2000, \$50+ million was allocated to rebuild Hwy #281. Rick Perry's Commission chair, pulled these funds when Spanish Corp, "Grupo Ferrovial" bribed Perry. Now a Texas Contractor wants unlimited control and profits - 50+ years - on Texas Road - including #281. Free roads are an economic necessity. Working class and middle class drivers suffer real monetary losses. All Texans are willing to pay mileage or gas tax to be able to drive to work. Texas on gas or mileage used are \$.04-.06/mile. Texas charges are asking for ~~taxes~~ on oil & natural gas. Texas charges should not be given license to rape the middle class. We can afford to build free public roads!

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# THE 281 NORTH

Comment 64

## IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



ALAMO RMA  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

### MORE CHOICES

- **Choose** from managed lanes, freeway lanes or free access lanes between 1604 and Stone Oak Parkway.
- **Choose** from managed lanes or free access lanes between Stone Oak Parkway and Borgfeld Drive. *with reduced speed from 65 to 45*
- Improved 281 will provide amenities for pedestrians, bicyclists, buses and registered carpools for a **comprehensive mix of transportation options**. *No options for decent free lanes*

### LESS CONGESTION

- Improved 281 will include eight miles of new roadway from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Drive and direct connectors to Loop 1604. *All tolled*
- The project will double the number of lanes that exists today for **100% more capacity**.
- It will be **faster** and **safer** to get everywhere. *If you want to pay - if not slower and less safe*

### THE SMART SOLUTION

- It is **the only solution** to accommodate today's congestion and tomorrow's growth. *get better*
- This project resulted from the US 281 EIS process, which took five years and included one public hearing, four public meetings, nine Community Advisory Committee meetings and five Peer Technical Review Committee meetings. **It has been highly studied and thoroughly vetted.** *Yeah sure*
- It will introduce badly needed **water quality protection** for the Edwards Aquifer where none exists today and provide sound barriers for adjacent neighborhoods.

Visit [AlamoRMA.org](http://AlamoRMA.org) for up-to-date information on the 281 North Improvement Project.

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority : C/O Bexar County Public Works Department

233 North Pecos La Trinidad, Suite 420 • San Antonio, TX 78207 • (210) 335-6716



THE **281 NORTH**  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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US 281 Environmental Impact Statement

Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Drive

Open House – May 8, 2014

COMMENT FORM

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT): CRAIG MEYN

ADDRESS: 24042 SEVEN WINDS S.A. 78258

I WANT SOMETHING TO BE DONE  
TO PROVIDE BETTER TRAFFIC FLOW.  
I AM TIRED OF SITTING IN TRAFFIC.  
I AM EVEN OK WITH A TOLL  
ROAD IF IT MEANS GETTING  
TRAFFIC MOVING.

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May 8, 2014

David L. Smith  
Executive Director  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
Paul Elizondo Tower  
101 W. Nueva, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Mario Jorge, P.E.  
Texas Department of Transportation  
San Antonio District Engineer  
P.O. Box 29928  
San Antonio, Texas 78229-0928

**RE: US 281 Draft Preferred Alternative Schematic Plan**

Dear Sirs:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Preferred Alternative Schematic Plan regarding the possible transportation improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Drive.

On behalf of the VIA Metropolitan Transit Board of Trustees, and the Advanced Transportation District (ATD) Board of Trustees, we support the draft US 281 Preferred Alternative improvements between Loop 1604 and Borgfeld Drive that will reduce congestion, enhance air quality, and improve safety. The VIA and ATD Boards support the transit priority managed lane concept with the general purpose, non-toll main lanes, with overpasses and continuous frontage roads between Loop 1604 and Stone Oak Parkway as the preferred option.

The ATD Board of Trustees passed Resolution 6-22-12-01 related to the use of ATD funds to assist with the improvements on US 281 from Loop 1604 to Stone Oak Parkway. I have attached that resolution; note the four important conditions that the ATD Board included in agreeing to fund the project. These conditions include TxDOT constructing Transit Priority Lane(s) and a direct connection between the Transit Priority Lane(s) and a future VIA transit facility at US 281 and Stone Oak Parkway. Also, funding is contingent upon the operating of the Transit Priority Lane(s) by an appropriate entity agreed upon by the ATD.

VIA has already received a Categorical Exclusion (CE) by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) for the proposed Park and Ride Facility at US 281 and Stone Oak Parkway, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. We have purchased all the property required for the full build-out of the facility and are beginning detailed design.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions, and also if there are opportunities to continue our partnership in finding transportation solutions that provide commuters with a reliable and sustainable trip in the San Antonio region.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey C. Arndt', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeffrey C. Arndt  
President/CEO

Enclosure: Resolution 6-22-12-01  
Loop 1604 and US 281 Mobility Projects





**RESOLUTION: 6-22-12-01**

**SUBJECT: STRATEGIC PLANNING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT – Loop 1604 and U.S. 281 Mobility Projects**

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the County of Bexar, Texas (County) have identified a need for improvements/projects along Loop 1604 and U.S. 281 in the form of Mobility Enhancements (Projects); and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Transportation Commission will take action on June 28, 2012, to provide an additional \$146.8 million dollars to be utilized in the San Antonio region; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization passed a resolution on March 26, 2012, to develop a funding plan that maximizes this impending local/state/federal funding opportunity in order to accelerate the implementation of added non-tolled capacity consisting of main lanes and frontage roads on:

- US 281 (from Loop 1604 to Stone Oak Parkway),
- Loop 1604 (from Bandera Road to US 90),
- VIA Metropolitan Transit's (VIA) multimodal strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the County passed a resolution on June 12, 2012 to develop a funding plan for these projects; and

**WHEREAS**, there are timing requirements imposed by the Transportation Commission to obligate the \$146.8 million dollars before August 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, a Record of Decision ("ROD") by the Federal Highway Administration ("FHA") for Loop 1604 is expected in January 2013, approximately one year before the ROD for US 281; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Advanced Transportation District (ATD) believes that local leveraging opportunities should be explored in conjunction with TxDOT and the County in order to maximize the benefits of these additional state/federal transportation funds and to meet the imposed timeline for implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, use of funding collected by the ATD under Section 451.702(i) of the Texas Transportation Code subject to existing contractual obligations with the County is an appropriate source of funding for consideration subject to the terms and conditions herein set out; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that transportation solutions should be inclusive, multimodal and consider all modes of transportation including VIA's multimodal strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, US 281 and Loop 1604 corridors represent two major corridors in need of transportation mobility and safety improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Transit Priority Lane(s) to be included in the improvements along the 281 corridor are designed to improve mobility and the addition of these lanes within the 281 corridor will enhance the transit experience for our patrons; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative efforts of VIA and the ATD with Bexar County, TxDOT, the City of San Antonio, the MPO and various other stakeholders to develop a funding plan which supports public transit and multimodal initiatives is essential to improve the quality of life for Bexar County and the surrounding areas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The President/CEO or his designee is hereby authorized to work in conjunction with representatives of TxDOT and the County to develop a plan for the utilization of up to \$100,000,000 of ATD funding for non-toll express main lanes with overpasses and continuous frontage roads on Loop 1604 from SH 16 (Bandera Rd) to Potranco Road and on US 281 from Loop 1604 to Stone Oak Parkway.
2. The Plan must be subject to and substantially contain the following:
  - TxDOT will be the implementing agency for the Mobility Projects;
  - Transit Priority Lane(s) will be constructed by TXDOT and operated by an appropriate entity agreed upon by the ATD;
  - TxDOT will construct Transit Priority Lane(s) on U.S. 281 and direct connection ramps between the proposed VIA Park & Ride at U.S. 281/Stone Oak and the Transit Priority Lane(s); and
  - The \$10 million dollars currently programmed for a CNG station will be reprogrammed for VIA/ATD Multimodal Strategies including, but not limited to, the Streetcar Project and other elements within the Short Term Capital Program.
3. The funding plan must be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

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I, the undersigned officer of the Advanced Transportation District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 22, 2012.

  
Mary Briseno, Secretary



## Comment 91

May 7, 2014

TxDOT-ENV  
Attention: Mike Chavez  
125 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Chavez,

On behalf of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and its nearly 2,000 business members advocating for a stronger community by propelling business success, we are writing to express our support for the construction of added capacity improvements along the US 281 corridor from Loop 1604 north to the County Line as part of system-wide plans to address rising congestion levels in the greater San Antonio region.

As you know, transportation planning decisions affect economic development and our community's population and traffic volumes continue to grow at a rapid rate, especially along the US 281 corridor. According to an analysis conducted by the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the number of residents living in census tracts adjacent to the portion of US 281 that is being studied will reach 142,240 by 2035. While the recent completion of Super Street improvements within the corridor have slightly eased congestion for the near term, failure to add additional capacity will yield unacceptable levels of congestion and delays for motorists.

With more than a decade of study and several environmental processes on US 281, our Chamber encourages the Federal Highway Administration, the Texas Department of Transportation, and Alamo Regional Mobility Authority officials to move forward with the Draft Preferred Alternative in an effort to provide much needed congestion relief to motorists.

Sincerely,

Richard Perez  
President & CEO  
San Antonio Chamber of Commerce



**Comment 92****US 281 Draft Preferred Alternative**

JOHNS, ANDREW C GS-13 USAF HAF AFCEC/CZCP [andrew.johns.2@us.af.mil]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2014 6:57 AM**To:** AlamoRMA

Sir/Ma'am,

I am unable to find the US 281 Draft Preferred Alternative from the "411onn281" web page (<http://411on281.com/us281eis/>). Can you provide a link to that web page/site?

Thank you in advance

//signed//

Andrew C. Johns, GS-13, DAF

andrew.johns.2@us.af.mil

Comm 210.395.8388

DSN 969-8388

**US 281****Comment 93**

Garrett Henderson [garrett@texasrp.com]

**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2014 2:27 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

I have been reading up on the website which is very helpful and clear. I have a few questions in regards to the project. I saw that it said that there would be 4 public meetings and 1 public hearing. I saw that there was already a public hearing so what is this next meeting coming up? What is a rough timeline for env clearance, FONSI, ROW acquisition, letting, and is the project funded? I would assume so because it was started years ago.

Thank you

Garrett Henderson  
Commercial Realty Partners  
972-824-7537

**Re: US 281**

Garrett Henderson [garrett@texasrp.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2014 9:39 AM**To:** AlamoRMA

I will be out of town on Thursday. I see that TXDOT already owns some of the property in the corridor? I thought that they could not purchase property until after the environmental process?

Garrett Henderson  
Commercial Realty Partners  
972-824-7537

On Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 3:08 PM, AlamoRMA <[alamorma@bexar.org](mailto:alamorma@bexar.org)> wrote:

Mr. Henderson,

The Open House is on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 5:30-7:00pm. For more details, please visit the following link:  
<http://www.411on281.com/us281eis/index.cfm/public-meetings/open-house-may-8-2014/>

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Your other questions will be answered at the Open House on May 8, 2014.

Thank you,  
US 281 EIS Team

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What is Mr. Chavez's number to reach him?

Garrett Henderson  
Commercial Realty Partners  
972-824-7537

On Tue, Apr 29, 2014 at 1:37 PM, AlamoRMA <[alamorma@bexar.org](mailto:alamorma@bexar.org)> wrote:

Mr. Henderson,

If you are unable to attend the Open House, you can submit your comments in writing or online on the project website (see details below). Please note, comments need to be received or postmarked on or by May 19, 2014 to be included in the official open house record.

Written comments may be mailed to:

TxDOT-ENV  
Attention: Mike Chavez  
125 E. 11th Street  
Austin, TX 78701-2483

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Thank you,  
US 281 EIS Team

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Thank you,

**Comment 94****No tolling of 281 and 1604!**

Shaw, Carol L CIV USARMY MEDCOM AMEDDCS (US) [carol.l.shaw8.civ@mail.mil]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2014 1:24 PM**To:** AlamoRMA

Shame on you for supporting this despicable agenda to push toll roads for 281 and H 10 . Interesting how "Chico" made sure no toll roads would be in HIS district. Well, we don't want to pay for the roads to be built toll-free in HIS district. And anything else this county or city wants in the future to so-called improve SA or the county that will involve any kind of a tax increase, I will always vote against in the future. As far as I'm concerned, this is war between inner SA/county and the Northside. We don't want toll roads. Scrap them. Scrap streetcars no one wants and restore the money that was intended for 281 and H 10. For a change, do something for the people.

C. Shaw  
3335 highline trail  
SA, TX

**281 plans****Comment 95**

Tim Jacobi [tim@gimainternational.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 06, 2014 6:49 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

Hello

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the meeting on 5-8. Where can I see the actual plans? The link your website shows a very small, illegible copy of the plan. I would love to see the details of what you have planned.

I do oppose ANY form of tolling of 281, regardless how it is called or labeled as. Give us overpasses and stop the games.

Regards

TIM



**Comment 96****281N Costs vs other priorities**

Home Email [dcrowley@grandecom.net]

**Sent:** Friday, May 09, 2014 5:19 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

I am having trouble with the math – We (as a community) have \$280M to spend on a streetcar system, that will support a ridership of 5000 people per day. But we don't have \$300M to expand 281N that supports more than 110,000 cars a day (and we need to set up toll roads).

I would love a street car system downtown; and I don't like the massive expansion north.... but Wow ! something is really wrong.

Our funding priorities are out of whack and you guys need to intercede with some common sense.

David Crowley

**Comment 97****281 Video from open house**

Drew Bundrick [dbundrick@dirtdealers.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2014 11:37 AM

**To:** AlamoRMA

Hi, I was at the open house at the Christian Summit Center on May 8<sup>th</sup> and I was curious if the slideshow you had playing at the event is available anywhere online? I found some pictures that roughly show the same thing if you open them up individually, but nothing like you had there. Can you tell me where to look or email it to me if it isn't posted somewhere? Thank you.

**W. Drew Bundrick**

Associate

First American Commercial Property Group

18618 Tuscany Stone, Suite 210

San Antonio, TX, 78258

Office: (210)496-7775

Mobile: (210)373-3739

dbundrick@dirtdealers.com

**Support for the Toll Road**

Liz Hale [lizhale69@me.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2014 12:29 PM**To:** AlamoRMA**Comment 98**

I would like to express my support for the 281 Toll Road project. We need to implement a solid plan for traffic management and Toll Roads benefit everyone! If you don't want to use the toll road – then don't! But for those of us that are willing to pay for the less traffic option – then that will lessen the traffic on the other roads and make their travel lighter. I see Toll Roads as my way of paying for an additional benefit that I want – as many other people also want – that benefits the ones who don't want to pay for it! Please do not listen to the people who are stuck in their old ways with old ideas. We need to be a progressive city to attract progressive companies! San Antonio is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest City in the US but is held hostage by uninformed fatalist people who are not open to change!

## Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance Comments on the 281 Draft EIS

## Comment 99

Annalisa Peace [annalisa@aquiferalliance.org]

**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2014 7:05 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

**Attachments:** 281DraftEIScomments5-13.doc (360 KB)

Dear members of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority,

Please accept the attached comments on behalf of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance and its fifty one member organizations. I have sent the same comments to Mr. Chavez.

Thank you,

Annalisa Peace  
Executive Director  
Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance  
210-320-6294  
[www.aquiferalliance.org](http://www.aquiferalliance.org)



**Member Organizations**

Alamo Group of the Sierra Club  
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas  
Austin Regional Sierra Club  
Bexar Audubon Society  
Bexar Green Party  
Boerne Together  
Cibola Nature Center  
Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion  
Citizens for the Protection of Cibola Creek  
Environment Texas  
First Universalist Unitarian Church of  
San Antonio  
Friends of Canyon Lake  
Friends of Government Canyon  
Fuerza Unida  
Green Party of Austin  
Hays Community Action Network  
Headwaters Coalition  
Helotes Heritage Association  
Helotes Nature Center  
Hill Country Planning Association  
Guadalupe River Road Alliance  
Guardians of Lick Creek  
Kendall County Well Owners Association  
Kinney County Ground Zero  
Medina County Environmental Action  
Association  
Northwest Interstate Coalition of  
Neighborhoods  
Preserve Castroville  
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association  
San Antonio Audubon Society  
San Antonio Conservation Society  
San Geronimo Nature Center  
San Geronimo Valley Alliance  
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance  
San Marcos River Foundation  
Save Barton Creek Association  
Save Our Springs Alliance  
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance  
Securing a Future Environment  
SEED Coalition  
Solar San Antonio  
Sisters of the Divine Providence  
Texas Water Alliance  
Water Aid, Texas State University  
West Texas Springs Alliance  
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation  
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

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(210) 320-6294  
[www.AquiferAlliance.org](http://www.AquiferAlliance.org)

May 12, 2014

TxDOT-ENV

Attention: Mike Chavez  
125 E. 11th Street  
Austin, TX 78701-2483



RE: Comments on Draft 281 Environmental Impact Study

Dear Mr. Chavez and members of the Alamo Regional Mobility  
Authority,

Please accept these comments on behalf of the Greater Edwards  
Aquifer Alliance and its fifty one member organizations.

1. The assumption in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that there is not a water demand, supply or drought issue (p. 5-3, lines 14-25) is seriously flawed. The availability of adequate water supply for all of San Antonio is a matter of serious concern and is negatively impacted by this project. During an indirect impact workshop held in the preparation of the DEIS, "concern over water quality and availability was a major concern for participants..." (p. 4-95, lines 19-20) Either the lack of water will reduce the projected growth in the area of influence (and hence, the need for additional road capacity), the expanded consumption of municipal water will cause increased restrictions for all SAWS consumers regardless of location, or the expanded consumption of municipal water will require the acquisition of expensive new water supplies.

From the April 28, 2014, *Wall Street Journal* "Boom Time in Texas: Jobs, Traffic, Water Worries: As Economy Prospers, State Copes With Crowded Highways, Strained Water Supplies "  
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304572204579501532328227544>

2. On p. 5-3, lines 23-25, the EIS states that variations in the water supply assumptions associated with climate change are discussed in Section 5.3.4. There is no such discussion in Section 5.3.4. (pp. 5-40 to 5-48)

From the May 5, 2014 *Texas Climate News* (TCN):  
<http://texasclimatenews.org/wp/?p=9225>

The American Southwest "already has significant increase in drought events, and currently what we call a 'drought' is expected to become the norm (high agreement among climate models) and this will be surpassed by the occasional 'mega-drought,'" Parmesan wrote in emailed comments for TCN.

From the WOAI website, May 6, 2014, "Hotter, Drier Texas Predicted Due to Climate Change"

<http://www.woai.com/articles/woai-local-news-sponsored-by-five-star-cleaners-119078/hotter-dryer-texas-predicted-due-to-12322131/>

"Diminishing water supplies and rapid population growth are critical issues in Texas," the report says. "Because reservoirs are limited and have high evaporation rates, San Antonio has turned to the Edward Aquifer as a major source of groundwater storage."

3. While it is simpler to view this as purely a transportation project, it is, in fact, a land development project with significant impacts on water quality and consumption. The DEIS report itself states that the impact of the road project on land development would have a negative impact on ground water quality (p.3-156, lines 18-21). Since neither the Federal Highway Administration, TxDOT, nor the Alamo RMA have any control over the amount, type and quality of anticipated development, the road project will certainly cause a deterioration in the quality of the ground water. There is a very general discussion of a possible means to mitigate this impact (p. 4-95, line 27ff), but it is not clear who is responsible for addressing this issue, how these activities would be paid for, and how such activities would be integrated into the road project.

4. According to the EIS, the only portion of the existing roadway from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road that meets current TCEQ Water Pollution Abatement Plan standards is the newly constructed Super Street portion. (p. 3-155, lines 42-46) Other than the Super Street section, highway runoff is not treated before entering streams and karst features that recharge the Edwards Aquifer. (p. 156, lines 15-17) The report does not explain why portions of the existing roadway do not meet these requirements. However, the report goes on to say that, if the proposed project follows TCEQ requirements, then the proposed project would increase contaminant removal. (p. 156, lines 10-12) Regardless of when or what is built in this corridor, the contamination from the existed road should be stopped as soon as possible.

5. The design of any project over the recharge zone should incorporate features to minimize the impact of the project on the quality and quantity of water recharging the aquifer. These features should include:

- a. Minimum use of impervious cover
- b. Porous asphalt layer over concrete road surfaces
- c. Maximum use of "green infrastructure" to reduce the environmental impact of the project, such as "low impact development"



- d. Minimizing on/off ramps, lane drops, driveways and other features which would increase the likelihood of a motor vehicle accident and attendant toxic spill
- e. A specific system to prevent a major toxic spill from entering the aquifer
- f. A specific plan to control the quality and quantity of recharge from induced land development

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Annalisa Peace". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Annalisa Peace  
Executive Director

## Comment 100

### WE NEED THE COMPLETE NON-TOLL EXPRESSWAY

Kyle Family [kylefamilyemail@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 4:14 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

Katie Kyle

2026 Sawgrass Ridge 78260

Summerglen Community

The current toll plan does not meet the needs of this congested area. Adding toll lanes and reducing non toll lanes will only make our commute problems worse and create more safety issues. COMPLETE THE NON-TOLL EXPRESSWAY!

Thank you!

Ever Upward,

Katie Kyle



**281 corridor plans****Comment 101**

Christopher Cain [[cmcain09@yahoo.com](mailto:cmcain09@yahoo.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 5:47 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

Good evening,

I am a resident of Summerglenn, a neighborhood just west of [281 South at the Summerglenn Way](#) intersection.

The purpose of my email is to express my support for the non-toll expressway option for 281; and opposition to the draft EIS/hybrid toll-transit-HOV proposal.

Again - I support the streamlined expressway design with no tolls or HOV lanes.

Thank you,

Christopher Cain

[Cmcain09@yahoo.com](mailto:Cmcain09@yahoo.com)

Sent from my iPhone

**Sendero Verde and 281****Comment 102**

Adam 1 [bruggeman.adam@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2014 10:44 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

Can you tell me what the plan is for the Sendero Ranch road and its access to the new 281 toll road as proposed? I cannot tell what is going to happen on any of your diagrams. Wilderness Oak and Overlook are well described, but not the Sendero Verde road (and Mountain Lodge). Thanks!

Adam

## In favor of non-toll expressway option

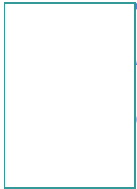
Comment 103

Tim Stoddard [tim@estoddard.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2014 4:47 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA







I'm a resident in the North 281 area and STRONGLY in favor of the non-toll expressway option for 281.



**Tim Stoddard**

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**Contact from Website**

George Glasby [gglasby@gvvc.com]

**Sent:** Friday, May 09, 2014 2:44 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA; Wolff, Kevin A.

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A proud Comal county resident

**Comment 104**



**RE: Contact from Website****Comment 105**

George Glasby [gglasby@gvtc.com]

**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 6:09 PM**To:** AlamoRMA

You should follow the 6P policy- Proper Planning Prevents Piss Poor PERFORMANCE !

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**From:** AlamoRMA [mailto:alamorma@bexar.org]**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2014 6:34 PM**To:** George Glasby**Subject:** RE: Contact from Website

Thank you for your email. Your comments and questions are appreciated and will be taken into consideration during the US 281 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

Please visit [www.411on281.com/US281EIS](http://www.411on281.com/US281EIS) for the most up-to-date EIS information or sign up for our E-Newsletter by clicking [here](#).

Thank you,  
US 281 EIS Team

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## **Toll road on 281.**

Chaula Rana [chaularana@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, May 18, 2014 10:50 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

## **Comment 106**

I live north of Marshall Road on 281. I do not want to see 281 become a toll road with huge expanded highway lanes. I have seen what it did to communities in Houston when I lived there and what it did in Dallas. I want 281 to have one more lane on each side north of TPC parkway and that is all we need. I do not want it to look like Houston. I am opposed to the Toll Road. Chaula Rana

**Toll Road on 281**

Chaula Rana [chaularana@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, May 18, 2014 10:54 PM**To:** AlamoRMA**Comment 107**

I am in favor of the preferred alternative to the proposed Toll Road on 281. I want the Complete Non-Toll Expressway Option for Hwy 281. I live north of Marshall Road, and do not want to see a toll road here. I don't want to pay to drive to work and I don't want to pay as a taxpayer. I don't want the hassle this will cause at the time of construction and afterward. Chaula Rana

## Comments on 281 DEIS preferred alternative

## Comment 108

Terri Hall [terri@texasturf.org]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 4:49 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

**I could not format the comments very well when submitted through the web site, so I include them again here for clarity. Please confirm receipt. Thank you.**

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**Comments submitted by:** Terri Hall, Founder/Director, Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom, and the San Antonio Toll Party (now known as Texans for Toll-free Highways), PO Box 29254, San Antonio, Texas 78229-0254.

**Comments submitted on behalf of:** Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom and San Antonio Toll Party (now known as Texans for Toll-free Highways)

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority's (or RMA) preferred alternative does not meet the purpose and need of the project and fails to 'fix' congestion on Highway 281 outside Loop 1604 in Bexar County. The plan morphed from a completed, streamlined expressway design (upgrading the corridor adding two new lanes, needed overpasses, and access roads) to a hybrid toll-transit-HOV mix with fewer non-toll highway lanes than we drive on today toll-free — non-toll lanes that cease at Stone Oak Parkway. North of Stone Oak Pkwy., all four non-toll highway lanes we drive today toll-free will be converted to toll lanes. The only non-toll option will be downgraded to access/frontage roads with slower speed limits and permanent stop lights, making those who cannot afford the tolls second class citizens on congested access roads in perpetuity.

Today there are six non-toll highway lanes (three in each direction) from Sonterra Blvd. to Evans Road, where it goes down to five lanes. Then the existing freeway shrinks to four lanes (two lanes each direction) at Stone Oak Pkwy where it continues to the county line and beyond. Today, this section of US 281 does not have access or frontage roads. It's a divided highway with stop lights at the crossovers. The posted speed limit is 60 MPH.

The RMA's tollway design shrinks the non-toll highway lanes from six down to four (from Loop 1604 to Stone Oak Pkwy.). That means two existing freeway lanes will be converted to toll 'managed' lanes, which is a double tax and violates both state and federal law. The RMA counts the new access roads as the replacement for the non-toll capacity.

At Stone Oak Pkwy., all the non-toll freeway lanes end and US 281 becomes a six lane tollway creating a massive bottleneck as those who cannot or will not pay tolls make a mass exodus off the highway onto the access roads. The study done by Peter Swan for Penn State University in 2007 shows that this will happen. When a toll is placed on a road, now people change their behavior to avoid paying it and divert to a free option. Very few will have the ability to pay tolls on a daily basis, especially to use a corridor they now use toll-free. So they'll divert to a free option leaving the toll lanes largely underutilized displacing the congestion to the access roads. The preferred alternative will therefore NOT meet the capacity needs for the corridor. The gridlock we experience today will only become permanent.

The preferred alternative was also hastily decided. The options originally studied were 1) a complete expressway with overpasses and access roads (either all highway lanes tolled or all highway lanes non-tolled) or 2) an elevated tolled expressway. Now it's a hybrid toll mess (two highway lanes tolled and four non-toll freeway lanes next to it for 3 miles, then eventually all six highway lanes become tolled for 4 miles). They promised repeatedly that how it would ultimately be financed would not determine the final alternative. That's no longer the case. There's no complete non-toll option advancing for final approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It's either the hybrid tollway or no build. The RMA misled everyone and betrayed the public trust.

One of the biggest fatal flaws of the preferred alternative is that it counts the traffic on congested, stop-light ridden access roads in the total traffic count for the highway facility to make it appear it's adequate to meet the purpose and need. This is deceptive and manipulates the numbers to make the project appear adequate when it's not. The second fatal flaw is that it assumes that the traffic and growth of the corridor remain unchanged whether it's tolled or non-tolled. It is a fact that when a roadway is tolled, people change their behavior and now seek to avoid paying it. The remaining non-toll main lanes, access roads, and other side streets will experience unacceptable levels of congestion for years to come, despite the \$458 million in taxpayer dollars and/or loan guarantees. The benefits of a tolled option do NOT outweigh the cost.



The high cost for Comal County residents, in particular, assumes those commuters will pay the tolls on a daily basis to get to their jobs if this project gets built as proposed. This is a flawed assumption. Residents will move or find alternatives to using 281, home values in the corridor will drop, and the anticipated growth will dry-up as people seek other corridors where they don't have to pay tolls to get to work or to get around. In Grand Prairie, Texas, the Hwy 161 tollway has destroyed home values. Those with means got out, but those who remain have experienced higher crime rates as the new residents that have replaced them often rent, have lower incomes, experience less job stability, and the neighborhoods have seen a significant uptick in crime when crime was previously non-existent. This toll project could turn Stone Oak into a blighted area.

The preferred alternative is also a discriminatory, targeted tax on those in the US 281 corridor, even more so for those that live north of Marshall Road since all of their currently toll-free highway main lanes will be tolled. These residents will have no non-toll expressway option. None. It's already pitted the northern corridor against the southern corridor, neighbor against neighbor who got into arguments at the Open House May 8. Those that reside north of Marshall Road angry that they have no free expressway option while the southern residents do.

### **Other flaws in the preferred alternative:**

#### **1) Drivers cannot access the toll lanes from the 1604 interchange ramps**

Anyone heading north on Hwy 281 from Loop 1604 will not be able to access the toll lanes even if they wanted to. The majority of the traffic in the 281 corridor is between Loop 1604 and Stone Oak Pkwy. Approximately 90,000 cars a day. If none of those travelers can access the toll lanes, who is this project helping? The volume of traffic diminishes after Stone Oak Pkwy. So all local traffic (those needing to exit somewhere between Loop 1604 and Stone Oak Pkwy.) will be scrunched into four non-toll lanes (two each direction) when today there are six (three each direction). Even with the new overpasses, there will be significant congestion on the non-toll main lanes.

Now let's travel in reverse. Anyone heading south on 281 cannot enter or exit the toll lanes between Stone Oak Pkwy. and Loop 1604. The only way to access the new northern interchange ramps onto Loop 1604 will be from the non-toll lanes. So, once again, all the traffic needing to travel on Loop 1604 will be squeezed into the four non-toll main lanes when today there are six. A significant number of travelers need to take Loop 1604 and do not continue heading south on 281 toward downtown. Again, who is this project helping? Not those who need to get on Loop 1604. Not local traffic, nor local businesses. It's designing permanent congestion in the corridor.

The RMA stated in the Community Advisory Group meeting April 2 that the toll lanes are aimed at those traveling in from outside the county – in other words, Comal County. Comal County has had no representation on the MPO when the decision to toll was made, nor do they have representation on the RMA or Transportation Commission, yet they're being targeted with a discriminatory, targeted tax without representation.

The number of vehicles coming from Comal County are dwarfed by the numbers traveling within Bexar County, particularly in the section from Loop 1604 to Stone Oak Pkwy. Yet those travelers will have fewer non-toll freeway lanes than they have today and will not be able to access the toll lanes even if they wanted to. So the proposed tollway will make congestion in the corridor worse, not better.

#### **2) Texas-sized bottleneck at Stone Oak Pkwy.**

What the RMA proposes actually exacerbates the bottleneck at Stone Oak. The bottleneck happens at Stone Oak when the four non-toll freeway lanes end and all highway lanes north of Stone Oak become toll lanes, so anyone who cannot afford the toll lanes will have to exit en masse at Stone Oak. Since all the local neighborhoods south of Stone Oak cannot access the toll lanes even if they wanted to, it, too, will cause congestion on the four remaining non-toll main lanes (two each direction). The few who would be most likely to take the toll lanes all the way up to the county line (Comal County residents) will not be significant enough to diminish the congestion south of Stone Oak. The non-toll lanes will remain backed up as they are today due to the reduced capacity.

#### **3) Tolls will be as high as 50 cents a mile**

The published toll rate range is 17 cents a mile up to 50 cents a mile, which will average \$2,000 in added toll taxes per commuter (and that's if you only take one roundtrip 5 days a week), and closer to \$4,000 per household. The toll rate isn't even based on the cost of the project and retiring the debt, it's using 'congestion pricing' that varies based on the level of

congestion. It's punitive, runaway taxation in the hands of an unelected board - so it's taxation without representation on top of double taxation. The RMA has already stated on the record that it plans to charge the tolls in perpetuity (MPO TPB Meeting, October 2009). The tolls will NEVER come off US 281 once they tap into this new revenue stream.

If a person doesn't want big government to track every mile one drives with an electronic toll tag, they'll pay 33-50% more to be billed by mail. If a person disputes any of the charges or fails to pay, the RMA can block your car registration. If a person fails to appear in court for alleged toll violations, a warrant for arrest can be issued. Tolling opens a Pandora's box of one level of abusive government after another. It's anti-liberty and doesn't even solve the core congestion problem in the corridor.

#### **4) Cost is inflated**

##### **Via's inefficient flyover ramp**

The plan also includes an extravagant, exclusive Via transit lane and direct connect ramp (\$56 million is the last estimate available to the public) to its planned Park-N-Ride facility (at a cost of \$15 million in gas taxes) at the corner of Stone Oak Pkwy. and Hwy 281. The ramp will be elevated above the roadway and overpasses. It's higher than a double deck, estimated to be up to 75 feet in the air (as tall as the southern direct connect interchange ramps at 1604). The Via exclusive transit lane and ramp can only be accessed in two places - just north of Evans Road near the mega HEB and just north of Stone Oak Pkwy. The lanes dump into the toll lanes in the center of 281 so the transit riders needing to travel to Loop 1604 can't take the transit lanes. It's designed for north-south travelers, geared toward downtown (when few residents in far north Bexar County commute all the way downtown).

Anyone who has to travel to Loop 1604 cannot exit the Park-N-Ride using the ramp, those travelers are dumped onto Stone Oak Pkwy. Any buses needing to get to 1604 will be forced to take Stone Oak Pkwy. Making an already congested Stone Oak Pkwy even worse. Though buses do get a free ride on the toll lanes, access is so limited to local traffic that it's hard to imagine who will use them.

An estimated 1% of travelers use transit. Since the transit lane doesn't even connect to 1604, it doesn't connect to all the major destinations and job centers along 1604 and I-10 (like USAA and the Medical Center), so it limits the universe of riders. Much of the 281 traffic heading south peels off to 1604. The more passengers/motorists excluded from accessing or making use of these lanes, the more the public benefit diminishes and the more the project fails to meet the purpose and need and becomes a colossal waste of money.

Knowing that the toll road isn't remotely financially viable (can't pay for itself with just the toll payers), the RMA wants to use the taxpayers as their bailout plan and loan guarantor by seeking a State Infrastructure Bank loan or a federal TIFIA loan rather than bonds backed exclusively by tolls (that taxpayers aren't responsible for repaying).

##### **Cost of everything you buy will go up**

Even if motorists never take the toll lanes, the cost of everything residents in the corridor purchase will go up because businesses will now be paying tolls to get their goods and services to market. So everybody will pay more.

##### **The money is there to fix 281 WITHOUT tolls**

The excuse to toll US 281 is that there's not enough money. But the expansion and overpasses were fully funded through 2008 when that tax money disappeared. Still today, the financing for the project is NOT backed by tolls. \$228 million is non-toll tax money (\$60 million is for the interchange ramps). The remaining \$230 million will be a loan from TxDOT or the federal government (putting all taxpayers on the hook for the losses). Local lawmakers just doubled Bexar County registration fees. They're already using half of it, \$70 million, to build NON-toll lanes on 1604 (at a cost of roughly \$20 million/mile yet 281 supposedly costs \$48 million/mile - something's wrong with this picture). Taking the 1604 example, to fix 7.8 miles on 281 at \$20 million/mile would cost \$156 million - add in the \$85 million still needed for right of way & that's \$241 million, yet the RMA claims it's \$458 million. Why not spend the other \$70 million in registration fees toward completing 281 without any tolls? Why not nix the exclusive Via ramp to shave cost (est. \$56 million) or nix some of the extraneous overpasses? The answer is politics. Over \$1 billion in non-toll road taxes have come through Bexar County since the first public meetings on the expansion of 281 in 2005, and it's been spent it on everything BUT US 281.

#### **5) HOV gimmick**

In order to get that free ride, a driver has to be an approved 'registered' carpool vehicle with an active TollTag account,

and it usually requires 3 or more people to be in your car (based on the policies we've seen in all other Texas cities). The fact that no policy has been adopted or announced deprives the public of the ability to evaluate and weigh alternatives prior to decisions being made as is required per NEPA.

Just hopping into the HOV/toll lane to take relatives to the airport or to go to lunch with colleagues won't count as a qualified HOV 'free ride.' Moms in minivans shuttling kids to soccer practice also won't qualify unless you register in advance and meet the qualifications as a 'registered, declared' carpool vehicle. With so few able to access and use the HOV-transit-toll lanes, the public benefit is nearly imperceptible, especially for a \$458 million pricetag.

#### **6) Super-overpass at Wilderness Oak and Overlook Parkway**

To add to the bizarre design of this tollway, the RMA is going to do a continuous mega overpass over Wilderness Oak all the way to Overlook Parkway. Anytime a roadway goes elevated, the noise and dirt levels explode exponentially. So the adjacent neighborhoods will experience big boosts in road noise and dirt by the extended, elevated double overpass. Those with respiratory problems like asthma, will be adversely impacted and quality of life and health for those adjacent to the roadway greatly diminished.

#### **Conclusion -**

Other managed lane projects in Virginia and Georgia have fallen flat and proven these flaws to be fatal to accomplishing congestion relief or even 'managing' congestion. A non-toll main lane carries more traffic than a toll lane, period. Providing adequate main lane expressway capacity is essential to meeting the purpose and need.

This hybrid tollway is too complex, too inaccessible, poorly conceived, and a Texas-sized bad deal for taxpayers that won't solve the traffic mess out there. We ask for the original alternative #1 - the at grade complete non-toll expressway option - to be reinstated and advance as the preferred alternative.

**no toll roads in san antonio, bexar county, or texas!****Comment 109**

Official S.A. Sanctuary [411@sa-sanctuary.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 6:21 PM**To:** AlamoRMA**Importance:**High

we don't want your scam cash machine toll road. complete non-toll expressway as the preferred alternative. i can NOT and WILL not pay \$8 per day to go to work AND pay \$4 a gallon for gas as well.

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People try to avoid paying tolls, so they find alternate routes to bypass the

toll lanes. Studies show tolls displace traffic onto surrounding neighborhood

streets and increase accidents and congestion on local streets.



**No Tolls on 281**

Bobby and June Cox [bobjunecox@juno.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 6:43 PM**To:** AlamoRMA**Comment 110**

281 need an expressway but it does not need tolls. It need direct access to 1604. Tolls would be a fiasco and would just continue the congestion on the access road with the rich using the toll portion. Please find another way to build the expressway without tolls.

Robert and June Cox

264 Marlys Ave

Canyon Lake, TX 78133

**Toll Roads**

Cecilia Lister [cslister@swbell.net]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 6:54 PM**To:** AlamoRMA**Comment 111**

I feel so strongly that we do NOT NOT want or need toll roads. If you count how MANY cars are on the road at any given time you can understand why we don't need toll roads. The tax money on gasoline is enough to pay for the much needed roads. You can even raise the amount of gasoline tax and it would probably be enough. Maybe y'all can get rid of some the jobs some people have in that area and contribute that money. I know that you can find another place for those people whose jobs you can eliminate. You are in many ways discriminating. Yes, why? It is because many people that have, for instance, work as waiters and waitresses can not afford the toll road costs. Aside from that too many people think that if you live on the "north" side you are rich. They don't realize that those people have to "rob Peter to pay Paul" most all of the time. So, therefore put me down as a "NO" way Jose for toll roads. Thank you and Blessings, Cecilia Lister

**No tolls on Hwy 281**

Edie Zaiontz [texasairstar-ez@satx.rr.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 7:00 PM**To:** AlamoRMA**Comment 112**

We want the complete non-toll expressway as the preferred alternative.

My husband and I drive 281 everyday, 25 miles each way. We know exactly the places where traffic will back up. It is where there should be overpasses, where they were planned, before the money magically disappeared.

The short-sightedness of the City and the state of Texas should not result in another tax foisted upon people who have faithfully paid their taxes for years assuming that our government was handling money (ie the highway gas tax) responsibly. I have been paying a gas tax- it seems forever, and that was supposed to keep our roads in a good current state.

A toll is a tax. The difference is, it does nothing for Texans and unfortunately, it too will be siphoned off by some greedy entity (in this case a foreign company).

Hwy 281 was many years ago designated as "Veterans Memorial Highway". It has always been a well-taken care of route to the Hill Country. I have rode or driven on this highway since I was 3 years old. I am 62. Since the 70's the one thing I have seen impeding traffic is government incompetence. It isn't the cars on the road, it's the horrible management of the highway system itself and the funds that were supposed to go to maintaining highways. It is a sad commentary that a highway with such an important designation is reflecting chaos and stupidity. Tolls are not the answer, and I think anyone who is deluding themselves by thinking that another tax will solve the problem has only to look at the "smart street" idea, and see how much was spent on that, and what little it did to relieve traffic, yet millions were still spent, guaranteeing "relief".

Texas Department of Transportation is just another example of government wastefulness, and the Regional Mobile Authority is allowing it to continue by endorsing the toll solution. Millions spent on Roadside parks throughout Texas, but what about the roads passing in front of them.

**Please consider the free, non-toll expressway as a viable alternative to more wasteful government spending.**

Sincerely,

Edith and Kevin Zaiontz

458 Coyote Ridge

Spring Branch, TX 78070



## No tolls

Sandy [hollyhorse2@msn.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 7:47 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

## Comment 113

I have paid enough already by paying gasoline taxes since 1995 when I moved to bulverde. . I am a teacher and cannot afford \$8 /day. Please install the only fair option. A free way!!!!

**281 Managed road project**

Malcolm McClinchie [mcclin@gvvc.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 7:51 PM**To:** AlamoRMA**Cc:** terri@satollparty.com**Comment 114**

I am writing to express my total rejection of your managed road project plan for 281. There are many significant flaws in your design, but the major objection I have is the high cost to ride the managed roads and the impact this will have on our low wage earning and minority workers. I realize that there will be free frontage roads, but using these will require significant greater commute time. If this were not true, the whole project becomes suspect. There are many appropriate ways to improve the traffic flow on 281 that can be accomplished without toll roads. Plans were made years ago and the money was allocated, but the highway department diverted the funds to other projects leaving the users of 281 now expected to pay for that example of government mismanagement of funds. As the former Mayor of Bulverde, I talk to hundreds of people who use the 281 route to commute to and from work in San Antonio. The vast majority of our people do not want the managed road project to continue. Tolling of our roads is just another form of taxation without the desire of the people. Why has this issue never been presented to the people who are affected by this proposal in the form of a public vote? I truly believe that if the issue were put on a ballot and voted on by the people who will be affected by this project, that the results would be a landslide NO. The highway department must be aware of this anti-managed 281 plan sentiment. I have attended several of your public meetings and have seen first hand the opposition to this project. It is too bad the management of the highway department does not need public support and election to the jobs they hold. I can almost guarantee that if this was on a ballot, there would be a 100% change in the highway department leadership. Your customers are extremely unhappy with your ideas and poor production.

Sincerely,

Hon. Malcolm U. McClinchie,  
former Mayor of Bulverde

**281 toll lanes**

stephen salinas [stephen\_salinas@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 8:02 PM**To:** AlamoRMA**Comment 115**

Toll lanes is not the solution. Tolls are impractical, cumbersome and most of all ill advised for solving costs, traffic, and will generate taxpayer outrage.

Salinas

**I Strongly Oppose Tolling-Taxing 281!****Comment 116**

JEH [jeh1939@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 8:15 PM**To:** AlamoRMA

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**No,**

Donna Jenschke [jclovesu@windstream.net]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 8:17 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

**Comment 117**

I AVOID ANY Toll roads ANYWHERE in Texas.

If I can not get into San Antonio from the Hill Country without using a Toll Road, well, I won't go to San Antonio.

I will do my Shopping ONLINE before I EVER use a Toll Road to get from point A to point B.

**281 Tolls****Comment 118****AARON YOUNG** [joacyoung@hotmail.com]**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 8:34 PM**To:** AlamoRMA

I am saddened and disgusted by TXDOT and the San Antonio area transportation departments and authorities. Have you not heard what your constituents have said? I have not met a single person in favor of, or even supporting the idea of a toll on an existing freeway. The mismanagement of funding by TXDOT leaves one to assume there is a lining of political pockets as they are the only ones benefitting from the traffic snafu you are about to create. I travel through Austin often and see the lack of use on the tolls there. This will be the same in San Antonio. If our only protest is to not use them, so be it. It will be another revenue failure on the part of the government.

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**Toll Road**

cdgarza5@aol.com

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 8:48 PM**To:** AlamoRMA**Comment 119**

I am sending this message to inform you that I am totally against any toll roads in San Antonio and Hwy 281; folks cannot afford to pay the toll road and it is highly unfair for those who have to get to work or take kids to school. I will personally inform my fellow US soldiers and their families as they also share our concerns over the proposed toll road.

Carlos Garza



## No to Toll Roads!

Susan Finke [sfinke@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 9:12 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

## Comment 120

We have told you time and time again. NO to toll roads. We've already paid for the roads once. Don't double tax us! Fix the mess you've made with the stupid "super street" on Hwy 281, and make overpasses over 281, as should have been done to begin with. Get rid of the gridlock by getting rid of stop lights.

Toll roads won't do a thing for us!

No Tolls! No tolls! No tolls! No tolls!

Sue Finke

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## Proposed tool road

Ben LaRosa [veltro@satx.rr.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 9:13 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

## Comment 121

My preferred option is the complete non-toll expressway option.

I'm also concerned that there are fund available to fix US 281 without tolls, and taxpayers must make up for any losses.

**281 Comments****Comment 122**

flyboy [flyboy@satx.rr.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 9:13 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

I have never seen such visceral hatred toward a road project by those in charge (from Gov Perry, TXDOT and local powers that be) as I have seen these past eleven years towards those who want a "freeway" built north of Loop 1604 on 281.

TXDOT briefed the freeway plan to Encino Park residents, the money was set aside for construction and then Gov. Perry and his TXDOT cohorts took over, along with the Bexar County haters of a freeway on 281. Today, we have a workable super street that is in danger of being turned into a morass if the proposed project is built.

First point: who on God's green earth do the honchos at VIA think is going to ride south on 281 without any connection to Loop 1604 and points west (medical center, especially)? I know of NO ONE and I mean NO ONE who I have met in living 30 years in Encino Park who has ever even MENTIONED needing a massive boondoggle of a VIA installation north of 1604 for themselves, their friends, or employees. VIA has lost their collective mind in proposing such a steaming pile of crap in this plan. Get rid of VIA's proposal completely (and getting rid of VIA and establishing a competent public transit system wouldn't be such a bad idea either!).

Second point: the money is quite available to build a freeway if the HATERS of the complete non-toll expressway option would get out of the way. Build the complete non-toll expressway option as promised many years ago and take your HATE toward those of us living in the 281 corridor and channel that hate towards something useful, such as devoting all of the Texas gas tax money to NON-TOLL roadways and their maintenance.

Last point: What part of "NO!" don't you people understand? Oh, I'm sorry. I forgot. The powers that be cannot hear this citizen's "NO!" because their HATE fills up their mind and ears. May God have mercy on their souls.

Andy Kenagy

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Encino Park resident since 1984

## Comments on Hwy 281 Draft EIS

## Comment 123

Mel Borel [mborel@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 10:24 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

I am opposed to ANY tolling, or the collection of fees for using a road (sometimes referred to as managed lanes) or converting ANY free roads or free highways in San Antonio, the state of Texas, or the USA to toll roads or managed lane roads. My opposition is a result of many reasons but first and foremost is the fact that converting “free” roads to toll roads or roads that collect fees for their use (i.e., managed lanes) results in double taxation. They were first paid for and maintained with tax revenues and now will require fees collected for using and maintaining the road.

I therefore want the “preferred alternative” (or option) in the Draft EIS, for the proposed Hwy 281 improvement, to be the COMPLETE NON-TOLL EXPRESSWAY OPTION.

I am also opposed to the proposed plan because of the many flaws or concerns with the Draft Environmental document. I will highlight below some areas of concern.

### CONCERNS

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The published toll rate range is 17 cents a mile up to 50 cents a mile (varies based on congestion). And I might add that there is NO guarantee that the toll rate will not continue to rise. Just look at the history of other toll roads around the country. At the published rates, this can amount to an average cost of \$2,000-\$4,000 a year. As a retired couple with a fixed income, this is unaffordable. We’ve been told that we can always use the “free” lanes. So, the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA), the Metropolitan Organization (MPO), and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are basically telling us that a segment of the population will be discriminated against – effectively they will consider highway users to be two classes, those who can afford to use the high speed lanes and not use as much fuel and those who CAN’T afford to use the high speed lanes and must use the “free” lanes that have many traffic signals and therefore use more fuel – a class of the public that may already be burdened economically.

I might add, a previous Chairperson (Bill Thornton) of the RMA told me in a public RMA meeting, when I informed him that I would not use the toll road because of the cost, that he would merely wave at me as he drove on the toll road as I drove on the “free” frontage road. This speaks volumes about the concern public officials, such as those on the RMA, have for the average citizen.

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The RMA’s tollway design only allows drivers to enter/exit the middle toll lanes at Sonterra and Stone Oak. The majority of the traffic in the 281 corridor travels between those two points. If none of those travelers can enter/exit the toll lanes to get to their homes, that squeezes many drivers into fewer highway lanes than we have now. So all local traffic (between Loop 1604 and Stone Oak Pkwy.) will be crowded into two non-toll highway lanes when today there are three lanes in each direction.

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Even if you never take the toll lanes, the cost of everything you buy will increase because businesses will now be paying tolls to get their goods and services to market. Businesses will not decrease their profits and will therefore pass their cost increases to the consumer causing everyone to pay more.

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## Comments on Hwy 281 Draft EIS Report

## Comment 124

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**281 Toll road****Comment 125**

Joe Osborne [jbosko1031@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 11:39 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

I have been a homeowner in Encino Park for the last 25 years. I have been upset that our politicians for the last 10 years have always forced the toll option. If put to a vote, they know that without a doubt the citizens who travel this area would shut the toll option down. You don't see this happening on the east , west or south side of town. Those areas are also seeing huge amounts of growth. My home is now paid for and I am preparing to retire. Now if I want to sell to get out of paying tolls, my home is worth less money and will be hard to sell because of the toll road. I feel that fighting this is hopeless. Every time one politician steps up to counter the toll option, they get slapped down. ( Lyle Larson, Tommy Adkisson, etc..) Wish someone had the guts to stand up to Nelson Wolf and his son.

Please reconsider the nontoll option.

Thanks, Joe Osborne

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Sent from my iPad



**281 Toll Road****Comment 126**

JOE RUIZ [ruizfinancial@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 11:40 PM

**To:** AlamoRMA

I say NO to TOLL Roads!!! We all know we are being lied to and Toll Roads are not the answer. Look at 130 up the road in Austin. Cintas is broke and not making money and the State would like to force everyone to that road and toll I35, right????

Non Toll Road is the right option for 281. Toll roads are expensive and not beneficial to all the drivers who will travel down the road everyday. Tolls will only increase every year adding to increased gas cost, taxes, good and services.

Increase the gas tax to a more realistic level is a better answer than the toll option.

Do what is right for our citizens who will drive the road everyday and not the outsiders who plan to profit off us and then come running to us for more money when they are broker. Anything else would be collusion with them! We are watching your every move.

Joe R.